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TAGS: SHUM, SOPN, AR, OVIP (DERIAN, PATRICIA)
SUBJECT: PRESS TREATMENT OF DERIAN VISIT

REF: BUENOS AIRES 2259

1. FORNOFFICE ACTION OFFICER ON VISIT (ARLIA) ASKED DCM TO CONSULT AT 4:30 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. ARLIA STATED THAT FONOFFICE HAD EXTENDED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH AMB AJA ESPIL THIS MORNING AND LATTER HAD STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT DERIAN MAKE TRIP AND THAT SUCCESSFUL TRIP WOULD BE GREATLY TO ARGENTINA'S INTEREST. FORNOFFICE SHARED THIS VIEW BUT HAD CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR MS DERIAN TO VISIT OFFICIALLY WITHOUT HER PRESENCE BEING CONSTRUED AS AN INVESTIGATION. FORNOFFICE HAD SUBSEQUENTLY CONCLUDED THAT FORMULA FOLLOWED FOR BRAY VISIT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE ONE IN THIS CASE, THAT THIS WOULD PROVIDE THAT IN ANY STATEMENT TO PRESS OR PUBLIC MS DERIAN WOULD BE COMING TO CONSULT WITH US EMBASSY IN ARGENTINA. ARLIA THOUGHT THIS FORMULA MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY SUITABLE SINCE MS DERIAN HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AND THUS PRESUMABLY

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COULD NOT BE DESCRIBED AS COMING AS A USG REP TO DEAL WITH GOA IN AN EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO RECENT BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

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2. WHILE ARLIA STRESSED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THE OFFICIAL POSITION THAT MS DERIAN'S VISIT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH US EMBASSY, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE FONOFFICE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE VISIT A SUCCESS. HE SAID THAT THE UNDER SECRETARY WOULD HOPE TO MEET WITH HER AND WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A LUNCHEON TO WHICH ANOTHER PROMINENT ARGENTINE OF INTEREST TO HER MIGHT ALSO BE INVITED. HE REITERATED THAT WHILE THE VISIT MUST BE AN INTERNAL US GOVERNMENT MATTER FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, THE GOA WOULD DO EVERYTHING IT COULD TO ASSURE ITS SUCCESS IN PRACTICAL TERMS.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOA POSITION IS EMINENTLY REASONABLE BY ITS OWN LIGHTS. THE SAME CONVENIENT FICTIONS WERE EMPLOYED FOR THE BRAY VISIT AND THE WELCOME WAS WARM AND BRAY ENJOYED WIDE ACCESS TO VIRTUALLY ALL SECTORS OF ARGENTINE SOCIETY. EMBASSY CONSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDS THAT IF DEPT CONSIDERING ISSUING A STATEMENT REGARDING DERIAN VISIT, STATED PURPOSE SHOULD BE CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY AND NOT OFFICIAL VISIT TO DEAL WITH GOA. REFERENCE TO MEETINGS WITH US AMBASSADORS IN NEARBY COUNTRIES COULD BE INCLUDED OR OMITTED AT THE DEPT'S OPTION.

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